

REMARKS

In accordance with the above remarks, the existing slate containing claims 1-42 has been canceled in favour of a new slate containing claims 43-64. Therefore, claims 43-64 should be presently under consideration in the application. No claim has been allowed.

It is believed that both new claims 43 and 44 are generic representations which encompass all the dependent apparatus claims presently in the application and so all claims should be considered.

In view of the above, it is believed that the presently standing rejections of the claims and objections to the drawing and specification have been rendered moot. With respect to the rejection of the claims on the merits, however, it should be noted that all of the present claims now require an afterpotential attenuation means or device not found or suggested in the applied Greeninger et al (Patent No. 5,324,310) reference.

It is believed that the presently proposed slate of claims patentably distinguishes over the art of record and does include generic independent claims which should encompass all dependent species claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment in response to the Official Action of January 28, 2003, in application Serial No. 09/753,738 of inventors, Geng Zhang, et al., filed January 2, 2001, for "AUTOCAPTURE PACING/SENSING CONFIGURATION" and a Transmittal Letter are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid, on April 28, 2003.

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